

WI-THETA CHARGE

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MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERGRADUTE PRESIDENT

with Parker Kirklewski

The Wisconsin Theta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has accomplished many things over this last semester. Our fraternity continues to excel academically, with an outstanding 20 brothers making it to the Dean's List and an impressive 7 achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2023 semester. Our collective efforts have resulted in a Chapter Semester GPA of 3.304, showcasing our commitment to academic excellence. Additionally, we demonstrated our strength in community engagement by achieving our volunteer hours semesterly goal, contributing an incredible 1066 hours throughout the year.



In terms of leadership and recognition, we have seen many remarkable achievements. On January 11th, Jason Holterman led two pilot meetings that set the stage for a productive semester. By February 3rd, our chapter received CLA Member Development and AVC awards, highlighting the excellence of our programs and the dedication of our members. We had 14 undergraduates and 3 AVC members attend the CLA, reflecting our strong commitment to leadership development. Special recognition goes to Tammy for being an Outstanding University Partner and Becky for her Volunteer Excellence Award.

Our chapter has been proactive in hosting and participating in various events that strengthen our bonds and our presence within the university. From the Chef Jon & Professor Pitcher Faculty Fellow Events to our successful participation in the Greek Week, where we emerged victorious, our members have shown unparalleled enthusiasm and engagement.

The highlight of our community engagement includes attending the Chancellor Evetovich Investiture on April 10th, a testament to our chapter's growing reputation. Furthermore, we had 134 attendees at our Spring Banquet on April 24th and our 1st Annual SigEp JDRF Golf Outing which raised an impressive \$1519.70 for charity.

We also had significant individual achievements: two brothers were named Ruck Scholars on March 20th, and we proudly celebrated our Leadership Awards on May 1st, with Josh Hua receiving the David Nevins Scholarship and Parker Kirklewski being recognized for Excellence in Leadership. Our efforts also have not gone unnoticed in the university governance, with one Senator, five SUFAC Commissioners, and two UGC executive board members.

In conclusion, our fraternity has demonstrated unwavering commitment to our principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. We have set high standards in academics, leadership, and community service. As we move forward, we will continue to build on these achievements, ensuring that Sigma Phi Epsilon remains a beacon of excellence and brotherhood.

MEET THE 2024 UNDERGRADUATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



President Parker Kirklewski



VP of Member Development Ryan Bergeman



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VP of SLC Josh Hua



VP of Communications Andy Mills



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CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!



This spring, the chapter had 11 undergraduate brothers enter the alumni ranks. Pictured from left to right: Brothers Wyatt Hammer, Tim Highum, Ethan Chyla (EMS Valedictorian), Parker Schelske, Carter Forseth, Zach Donley, Christian Soper, Jace Joiner, Will Foucault, Eben Soper, and Keefe Martin!

Additionally, all of them had jobs lined up after graduation! Congratulations gentlemen!

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Many members of the undergraduate chapter were recognized for their outstanding leadership skills at the 33rd Annual Leadership Awards at UW-Platteville.

Brother Josh Hua received the David M. Nevins Scholarship for Student Leaders, Brother Park Kirklewski was recognized with the Excellence in Leadership Award, and Brother Andy Mills guided Pioneer Pantry to the Outstanding Student Organization award.





Sigma Phi Epsilon WI-Theta was nominated for Outstanding Student Organization, while Renaissance Brother and Chapter Advisor Jon Peavey was nominated for the Outstanding Advisor or Support Person award. Brothers Tim Highum, Jace Joiner, and CJ Meier were also nominated for the Lifetime Pioneer Award, Chancellor's Medallions, and Dean Linden Pioneer Achievement Awards.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE ELECTIONS

Several brothers continued the long legacy of involvement in student governance this spring!

For the Segregated University Fee Allocation Commission (SUFAC), Brother Ryan Bergeman was elected President, with Brother Josh Hua serving as Vice President, Brother Charlie Soper serving as Secretary, and Brothers Andy Mills, Niles Hammer, and JC Elrod serving as commissioners.

Over in Student Senate, Brother Roland Gutknecht was elected as the Director of Financial Affairs. In United Greek Council, Brother Ty Meyer was elected President, with Brother Brady Heinke serving as the Risk Manager and Financial Coordinator.

2024 RUCK SCHOLARS

This summer, Brothers Ty Meyer and Andy Mills will be heading to Richmond, VA and joining SigEp undergraduate leaders from across the country who were also selected to attend the prestigious Ruck Leadership Institute. We asked them what they are most looking forward to about Ruck:



Ty Meyer

"I am excited to get to meet people from all over the country and see alternative perspectives on SigEp.

I am also excited to learn a bunch of skills and tools to help implement in the chapter as I continue my WI-Theta journey."



Andy Mills

"One thing I am looking forward to at Ruck is to be able to connect with a highly intelligent group of SigEps from across the country and be able to establish friendships and connections that will last a lifetime.

Additionally, I'm looking to learn more about my leadership style in depth and how I can improve myself and those around me both in the community and in the chapter.

And of course, I'm looking forward to the fun events such as the rope course during my time there!"

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Good luck to Brothers Jace Joiner and Carter Forseth as they start their journey as the first Regional Directors from WI-Theta!

To hear more about their journeys and the roles of the Regional Directors, check out their episode of the <u>Beyond the Red Door</u> <u>podcast!</u>



SAVE DOOGIE



Renaissance Brother and Chapter Advisor Chef Jon Peavey has been a pivotal member of WI-Theta since becoming involved with the chapter, with his continued contributions being recognized through a Volunteer of the Year award.

As members past and present can tell you, Jon and his dogs have become important members of the WI-Theta family. One of his dogs, Doogie, was diagnosed with a liver shunt that will take his life if not corrected. Please go to <u>https://www.savedoogie.com</u> and read about his story. All donations will help Jon reach his goal.

NEW AVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

During the Spring Banquet weekend, the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation met for their Bi-Annual meeting. During this meeting, the previous Board of Directors presented an annual report of the previous year's happenings. Below are some highlights from that report.

If you would like to read the full report, it can be found here.

- Campus enrollment is finally on an upward trajectory
- The chapter currently has 32 members
- 3.443 chapter GPA in the Spring
- The Chapter was recognized with many awards this year, the biggest being a second consecutive Buchanan Cup!
- AVC membership is at an all time high
- AVC underwent a massive bylaws change that drastically overhauled many facets of the corporation

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE AVC?

Paying AVC dues is now easier than ever! Scan the QR code to the right or click this <u>link</u> and you'll be able to choose the membership option that best fits you.



UPCOMING AVC EVENTS!

- August 24th: Annual House Clean-Up
 - We will be working on the house in the morning, then having a cookout in the afternoon followed by our 1st Annual Bags Tourney! If you are interested in this event, RSVP <u>here</u>!
- September 28th: Cleanup and Paintball
 - We will be cleaning up the paintball fields with the undergrads in the morning, then playing paintball for the rest of the day. If you are interested, please RSVP <u>here</u>!
- October 11th-13th: 100th Year Anniversary of Homecoming
 - October 11th: Trivia Night and Hot Sauce Tasting at 7:00 p.m.
 - October 12th: Morning Parade, Football game vs. UW-River Falls at 1:00 p.m. The lighting of the M at 8:00 p.m.
 - October 13th: Breakfast at the House
 - If you are interested in any Homecoming events, please RSVP here!
- November 9th: Balanced Man Scholarship Awards Ceremony
 Details TBA
- January 11th: Ski and Snowboard Winter Meet-Up
 - We will be meeting at Cascade Mountain for a full day of skiing and snowboarding! If you are interested, please RSVP <u>here</u>!

WANTED: Volunteers!!!!

The AVC is fundraising by working parking at Badger Football games this fall! There will be 7 games to work this year. You would arrive 3-4 hours before kickoff to help park and be done before kickoff. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up using the QR or <u>link</u>.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT DIRECTOR NOTES

We are looking for parent volunteers to get involved with SigEp in any capacity they are able to! We know that parents have valuable experiences and insight pertaining to leadership as well as a life well lived. We know how proud you parents are of your sons and would love to see you get involved with this fraternity to make it even better! If you are interested then reach out to Dawson VanWinkle at dawsonvw@gmail.com.







Dental Hygiene Event Dr. Terry Joiner D.D.S.





AVC SURVEY

We want your feedback to help improve the Corporation and the services we provide! The goal is to provide these surveys every volume of the Charge!

Scan the QR code or click the <u>link</u> to complete the survey for this volume! We appreciate your feedback!



SIGEP SUMMER BINGO

Try and score a BINGO with these fun summer activities!

Share a meal w/ a Brother	Help w/ House Clean-up	Have a bonfire	Go Bowling	Visit a State Park
Go Disc Golfing	Go on a Hike	Attend a Drive-In Theater	Explore a new city	Attend a festival
Go on a road trip	Video call a Brother	Free!	Go Camping	Visit a Museum
Go to the Fair	Read a Book	Paintball	Learn a new skill	Catch a Fish
Go for a Swim	Listen to Live Music	Go golfing or mini-golf	Go to a baseball game	Do a BMS Interview

TRY OUT THIS FUN SUMMER RECIPE: ALOHA GRILLED PINEAPPLE CHICKEN

Ingredients:

- 1½ pounds thin-sliced boneless skinless chicken breasts I had 4 breasts
- ½ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup reduced sodium soy sauce
- ¼ cup light brown sugar packed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 fresh pineapple cleaned, cored, and sliced into about 8 one-inch wide long spears
- thinly sliced green onions optional for garnishing



STEPS:

- 1. To a large zip-top plastic bag, add all ingredients except the pineapple and green onions, seal, and smoosh around to evenly coat chicken. Place bag in fridge for at least 30 minutes, or overnight, to marinate.
- 2. Lightly oil grill grates and preheat grill to medium-high heat.
- 3. Add the chicken, place chicken on grill, and dunk the pineapple spears into the bag with the marinade, and place them on the grill. Discard the bag with the marinade.
- 4. Grill the chicken for about 5 minutes on the first side with lid closed, flip, and cook for about 4 to 5 minutes on the second side with lid closed, or until chicken is cooked through and as done as desired. The pineapple can be rotated every 2 to 3 minutes, making that all sides touch the grill grates at some point during the cooking process (ensures that you kill the bacteria associated with the raw chicken marinade).
- 5. Optionally garnish the chicken with green onions and serve immediately.

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER CONTENT!

Articles:

• <u>Spring Banquet Recap</u>

Beyond the Red Door Podcast:

- Ian Seidler, the New Chapter Counselor
- <u>Nick Kirby</u>
- Jace Joiner and Carter Forseth. WI-Theta's
 <u>First RDs</u>
- Spring Banquet Memories



REMARKS FOR THE GOOD!

- Congrats to Jack & Korrie Fuellemann on the birth of Eversyn Lou!
- Congrats to Max Sagen on getting married!
- Congrats to all the Spring Graduates!
- Congrats to Eben Soper on getting married!
- Have an announcement or life update you wish to share? Please send them to withetaavc.secretary@gmail.com

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